

Claim 16, line 15, delete "or 15".

Claim 17, line 20, delete "or 15".

Claim 18, line 26, delete "or 15".

Claim 19, line 3, delete "or 15".

Claim 20, line 8, delete "or 15".

Claim 21, line 16, delete "or 15".

Claim 21, line 17, after reading, delete "as to".

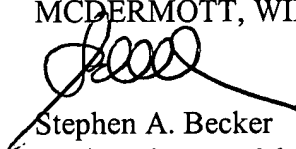
Claim 26, lines 17 and 18, delete "any of claims 14 to 25" and insert --claim 14--.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims.

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The claims have been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in Claim 14 [or 15], wherein said reading control steps so control the reading that in case a block read out is a defective block

said reading control steps so control the reading that in case a block read out is a defective block of a specific type and even if the reading of the block is an error, the process will be continued without interruption and the next block will be read out.

18. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in claim 14 [or 15], wherein said reading control steps so control the reading that in case a block read out is a defective block of a specific type, reading said defective block will not be retried but the next block will be read out.

19. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in claim 14 [or 15], wherein said reading control steps so control the reading that in case a block read out is a defective block of a specific type, reading said defective block will be retried a specific number of times.

20. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in claim 14 [or 15], wherein said reading control steps so control the reading as to work out the number of reading retrials per defective block on the bases of the number of read blocks, the number of blocks to be read and the number of defective blocks present among the blocks to be read and to retry reading out the defective block of a specific type a maximum of that number of times.

21. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in claim 14 [or 15], wherein said reading control steps so control the reading as to [as to] work out the number of reading retrials per defective block on the basis of the distribution ratio of defective blocks, the speed at which blocks are read out from the recording medium and the speed at which the read blocks are forwarded to the reproduction requester and to retry reading out the defective block of a specific type a maximum of that number of times.

26. (Amended) The disk reproducing method as defined in [any of claims 14 to 25] claim 14, wherein defective blocks of said specific type are real time recording defective blocks.